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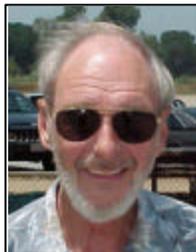
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Letters

From the President's Desk

By Harvey Elmes



Our nation has experienced a violent and cruel act this last week that violated the foundation of the American way of fair play and rules of conduct. It has left us all stunned, saddened and angry. However as a club I want to remind all of the members that we are *Radio Control Modelers*. The club is founded on the premise that we do not discriminate against race, religion, sex, age or physical abilities. We are intent on the pursuit of the hobby and need to leave other issues outside the club and off the field. Enough said.

Three months ago the AMA magazine ran a complete set of articles that were targeted for beginners in the R/C hobby. This prompted many letters to the editor from individuals that had experienced problems getting flying instructions. The biggest complaint was from people who had contacted clubs for instruction only to find out that the clubs had no training program. The interesting part is that they all had learned to fly from someone at their fields and were now blowing off steam about their experience. None however stated that they had stepped up to the plate as training instructors. Well we have been fortunate for the last two years to have a training program headed by Chris Hoyer. Chris did a fine job of fielding the needs of the new pilots. However he has resigned because his business is requiring so much time that he doesn't have the time to devote to the responsibilities of this position. This very important position has been filled by Tom Peniston who went from a flyer instructor at the field, to a member, to a training instructor, to the Flight Coordinator for the training program all in 3 weeks. He sets an example for all of us to

get something done instead of sitting around and talking or writing about it.

Unfortunately the club has had another member of the board resign. The Vice President, Shawn Miller has resigned as of the last board meeting. He stated that the lack of participation of the Helicopter Squadron at the meetings and the events made him feel a lack of support for the new organization compared to the amount of time he was committing to the position of Vice President and the helicopter squadron. The board decided to complete the year without a Vice President unless at the next meeting we can have a volunteer or nomination to fill out the remainder of this year and next. We want to thank Shawn for all the time and effort he put into making the three-day helicopter event the first class event that it was.

It is again that time of the year to start the preliminary selection of the next year's board members and to look at the new schedule for 2002. Members leaving the board are:

Harvey Elmes	President
Shawn Miller	Vice President
Ron Batesole	Secretary
Steve Garrison	Treasure
Willie Gardner	Field Manager
Jay Lowery	Safety Officer
Gene Gaines	Public Relations Director

All these officers are two-year members of the board and will receive their 2-year plaques. In addition to these board members, Chris Hoyer will receive his two-year plaque at the Holiday Party.

At the next meeting the floor will be open for nominations or volunteers for positions on the 2002 board that will take over in December.

Board of Directors - 2001

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Remaining on the board for 2002 will be:

Dianna Myers	Newsletter Editor
Tom Peniston	Flight Training Coordinator
Greg Horwitz	Hospitality Director
Bob Joyce	Membership Chairman
Ricc Bieber	Program Director
Barry Leavengood	Event Director

We will be looking for input from the members on events for next year. So be thinking about it.

We have only one event in October and that is the Halloween Carnival at the Recreation and Parks Encino Center on Wednesday, October 31st from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. We need 6 members to help out at this event. We also have a race on November 18th that will take 20 members to support. And finally, the Holiday party is on Saturday, December 15th. The price per person will be \$25.00. There will be a sign up rosters for each of these events at the next meeting.

This leads to me to an unpleasant topic. For the first time in our club history we had to cancel the Barbeque due to lack of participation. Either this happened as a result of, or lack of support from the membership, or perhaps we simply picked the wrong date. Whatever the reason the board felt it was necessary to cancel it. We are sorry if somehow you were not notified about the cancellation. Contact Greg Horwitz to make sure your name was on the list. In the past the Barbeque was an event that was enjoyed and supported by our members and was a chance to share our hobby with our families and friends. Whatever the reason for this years lack of participation I sincerely hope that as members you will come out to support the remaining events for this year, and that the 2002 Barbeque will be a success.

Good flying

Treasurer's Report

By Steve Garrison

SFVRC-All Accounts
Account Balances Report
9/9/2001

Our current balances, including the receipts from the incredible Helicopter Classic, are as follows:

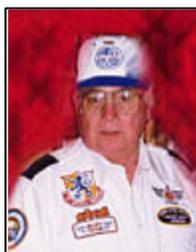
Valley Flyers Checking	\$8,850.47
Valley Flyers Savings	\$5,070.30
OVERALL TOTAL	\$13,920.77



From a Safety View

By Jay Lowrey

It seems an old problem or should I say a never ending problem is back. **Flying too high.** I'm sure everyone knows the height restrictions we have at the field. Two hundred feet for normal flying and four hundred max. The airport police were called out five times in one day. They were called out again in the same week.



Both the airport police and the park rangers have requested that club members wear some sort of club identification, such as a cap or shirt. This way, when the airport police or the park rangers are called out there could be a point of contact with a member that knows and follows the rules to help with the situation. That of course is all of our club members.

On a personal note, I pray none of you lost anyone in the tragic events of September 11th.

So until next month, fly like you wish everyone would safely.

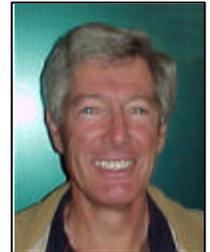
Membership Report

By Bob Joyce

New members

The Valley Flyers are pleased to welcome the following new members to the club:

- Alan Larson
- Blake Mason
- Brian Mason
- Douglas McIntosh
- Eduaido Morales
- Tom Peniston
- Steve Toth



We hope that your membership will provide you with helpful advise, fun, and the comradeship that is a key part of the club experience. Again, welcome to the Valley Flyers and happy flying. Your membership packets will be issued soon.

Balanced Use of Apollo field

As you know from previous discussions, correspondence and newsletter articles, the three model aviation clubs in the valley need to work together to establish the event schedule for 2002. In accomplishing this, two fundamental considerations must be evaluated. The first consideration is what the clubs think is desirable for club members, event participants, spectators, and the community in general. The second consideration is the recognition that the field is public and that frequent weekend closures create resentment among excluded flyers. That resentment could result in the Recreation and Parks Department taking actions that are detrimental to the interests of the clubs.

Some of the disgruntled flyers are circulating a petition to eliminate permits for all weekend events. To protect our interests and those of the thousands of people that participate or attend these events, it is important that members of the 3 flying clubs publicize the benefits of the events and of the clubs' promotion of safe flying habits and active support of field maintenance. I've been preparing a petition to accomplish this, and many of you have already signed it. For those that haven't, the petition will be available for you to review at the Sept. 25th meeting.

At the last Valley Flyers Board meeting, I was tasked to establish criteria and a schedule for accomplishing a unified, 3 club event schedule for 2002. Proposed criteria have been transmitted to VF Board members and the presidents of the other two flying clubs. These criteria are delineated below. If you have any thoughts on the subject please pass them along to me or another board member before the 5 Oct. Board meeting.

1. Events should be spread out so that no more than 2 events are held in any one-month.

2. The number of days the field is closed should be less than scheduled for 2001.
3. Contest directors should minimize the hours that the field is closed to the general public to that which is necessary to support the event. When only a few participants are flying, the field should remain open unless there are safety concerns.
4. The number of "3" day events should be limited to no more than 2 per year.
5. Events requiring AMA membership for participation should encourage on the spot AMA application to expand event participation. Applicants must of course still satisfy event/aircraft requirements.
6. Events should be posted at the field at least two months in advance of the schedule dates.
7. Consider combining some of the VF and Giant Scale fun flies (this is a new addition to the criteria previously e-mailed to Board members).
8. Representatives from the Boards of the 3 flying clubs should meet to agree to criteria and to integrate event schedules.

The actions needed to finalize the event schedule for 2002 have been identified and should culminate by 7 Dec 2001.

P-51 Ride (reprise of August article)

As most of you know, Kevin LaRossa has generously offered a free ride in his beautiful P-51 Mustang to the winner of a raffle to be conducted by the Valley Flyers Club. The Club Board has elected to limit the raffle to current club members that meet age and safety requirements established by Kevin. These limitations are as follows:

- ?? at least 18 years old
- ?? weigh less than 250 lbs.
- ?? be able to climb unassisted in an out of the cockpit

The latter restriction requires a certain amount of agility to climb up the main landing gear strut to the wing and then climb over the fuselage side into the cockpit. Interested members meeting these criteria will be provided a free, non-transferable lottery ticket at regular club meetings. The winning ticket will be drawn in December. The Board will contact Kevin and the winner to establish a mutually agreeable date for the flight. Photographers and Board members as well as the winner's family (if desired) will be present to celebrate and document the occasion. Interested members can sign up for the lottery ticket by seeing Bob Joyce at the regular Club meetings.

Field Manager

By Willie Gardner

Now is the time for some member to think about and consider filling the vacancy that will take place on Dec 31st. After 12 years of improvements & maintenance, my physical self is not what it used to be. It is time to take it easy, and start having some fun with this hobby. The work is easy, and just requires a small commitment of time when necessary. The Recreation and Parks Department has nothing to do with our field upkeep. If no one steps up to the plate, I guarantee the field will deteriorate, as it will not take care of its self.

Need I say more?

Program Director

By Ricc Bieber

September Program Notes

It is a little hard to write in my usual fashion, given the events of yesterday the 11th of September. I would venture to guess that all of our hearts and thoughts go out to those who had a loved one taken by the cowards who murdered them. I know Moslems and have read the Koran, and nowhere does it say that murder and destruction are condoned for any reason whatsoever. I will have to trust our government and those of the other caring nations to track down those responsible, and all the other crazed groups who terrorize all of humanity for no other reason than to create chaos. Enough is enough!

Back to us. The BBQ didn't happen. I am not sure what the problem was, but, besides the board members and 4 or 5 other members, nobody remembered to sign up. The board decided to let it go to another time, and I'm sure it will be brought up at the monthly meeting. I was personally very surprised at the lack of response. In lieu of that, I better start talking about the HOLIDAY PARTY, DECEMBER 15, SATURDAY. Same price, same place, better than even last year! I will start bugging all of you as of NOW!

This month the meeting WILL have Tony Naccarrato as the featured guest. It will be interesting and you will like it--- or else.

That's all for now. No quips or jokes. I'm just not in the mood.

The good news? My doctor says my heart is beating regular now, and I can start getting exercise--slowly! See you at the meeting.

Flight Training Coordinator's Report

By Thomas S. Peniston

Hello! It is my great pleasure to join you, both as a club member, and also as your new Flight Training Coordinator! I am replacing Chris Hoyer, who had to step aside recently due to a greatly increased workload. I've seen Chris at the field working with students dozens of times over the last couple of years, and I know we're all very grateful for his service, and wish him the best in his new venture.

By way of introduction, I started flying RC at Apollo 11 field in the summer of 1982 with a Goldberg Eaglet. Although I'm an airplane flyer (both glow and electric), I can honestly say that I've soloed on a helicopter (thanks Dianna!). Holding six inches of altitude for ten seconds counts as flying, and I've done it! My main interests are aerobatics, sport flying, soaring, park/slow flyers, & any kind of unusual plane. If people come up to me after a flight and say "What IS that?" then I know I've chosen well. Each type of model I fly brings me a different kind of satisfaction. When flying sport/ aerobatic planes, I try to make them move through the air the way a full-size plane would. I got that by watching Rob Janiger fly. With soaring, finding and riding thermals is a nearly spiritual experience - if you've never done it, you're missing something! And park/slow flyers are just plain fun - I bought my first one because it was different & cheap, and now I have four! I've been doing flight training informally for the last five years or so, and I'm glad to be able to step up to the plate for the club!

So down to business - as I write this, I've been on the job for just over a week, so I'm still getting my feet on the ground (I almost said "wet",



but let's not go there...). I'd like to touch base with all of you who are currently involved in flight training, so let's find each other at the next meeting, or at the field, or feel free to phone me at (818) 764-7077 or E-mail me at tomspn@juno.com at your convenience. I'd love any input you might have, and I want to compile a master list of all the club gear, so I'll know what we have & what shape it's all in. Meanwhile, I've been going through the club trainers in the shed one by one, with a goal of making them all complete and airworthy.

Many thanks to Herb Hoyer for building the two newest ARF trainers. I arrived on the scene just in the nick of too late to help out, but I'll see that they're well cared for! I'm also going through all the club radio gear, and will arrange for service as required. I found one receiver that was filled with fuel; probably due to one of the recent trainer crashes, and Barry Leavengood is very kindly repairing the battery pack in one of the transmitters. Lastly, and most importantly, if you're a Valley Flyer member who needs flight training, let's hook up! I'm available weekends and most late afternoons until the time changes in October. Let's go flying!

'Till next time, Share The Air!

Rotors and Motors

By Mitch Kahn

The 2nd annual Heli Classic was a rousing success! It was three full days of all things model helicopters. The tremendous effort of mostly Shawn and Dabbling translated into a really terrific event. Thanks also to the many other individuals who offered much needed peripheral support. There are too many aspects of the event to even mention here, but in brief, my highlights were the Guinness World Record attempt, the Advanced 3-D Demonstrations, and the competitions. It was my first time competing and it was a blast! We had to hook a small object with a skid and move it from one pad to another. It was HARD! I think I tied at one the number of times anyone completed this. The hometown crowd went wild. Have I said this was fun? Next we had to shoot autos to a particular spot as many times as possible within four minutes. Now I have shot a thousand autos but I can't remember when my hands have shaken as much. Not great for hitting a small spot.



Next, the inverted attempt. Ever since I saw the photo in MHT of the Reno Record of twenty helis hovering inverted, I wanted to be part of another try. I hope you saw it from the pits. I wish I had seen it from the pits. This is what it looked like as a pilot. I was number 6 counting from the north end of the runway. I was part of the B-Team which meant my heli would start and finish on the center line of the runway. To my immediate left and right were A-Team pilots whose helis were along the closest edge of the runway. The deal was this: On command we would all start our engines. At first the A-Team would invert and settle into a hover close in. Next command, the B-Team would invert and hover further out. After one timed minute we would reverse the procedure.

Here is what actually happened: First we collected 20 qualified pilots, with the last three coming out as we were already lined up. Frequency control was a bear. Everyone had a spotter. There were A LOT of people. Dabbing, our fearless leader, gave the "start engines" command. I started up my dependable Raptor and went back to the flight line. The noise was drowning out almost everything and the exhaust smoke was building. I absolutely couldn't hear my heli so I just kept it spooled up to make sure it stayed running. I vaguely heard Dabbling on the bullhorn and the big helis closest to me powered up and over.



Activity, roaring noise, buffeting wind, thick smoke. I then inverted my helicopter and paid attention to only that and the two monsters to my left and right. The smoke was billowing, my eyes burning, and I concentrated on just what was in front of me. It was outrageous, outrageous fun! There was a flurry of activity while we righted ourselves and then it was over. Too bad, I still had half a tank of fuel.

A word now about the expert level demonstrations: breathless as usual. In any given endeavor those who excel naturally will stand out. This is especially obvious to those who are struggling with these skills. Thanks guys, we mere mortals bow to you.

SIDEBAR PIECE:

Re-allocation of Air Space to the best of my understanding, based on recent Recreation and Parks Use meetings, discussions of the VF board and conversations with Mr. Jeff Hanson (an outspoken CL pilot) the state of affairs are as such:

1. There is no CL club speaking with one voice. We are forced to proceed without specific cooperation from the CL members as a group.
2. The individuals who do speak, seem to recognize that the south circle is not in the best spot due to the proximity of RC aircraft.
3. They would be happy to move as long as they get a new circle in the parking lot to replace the lost one.
4. The farthest circle is not used because of reasons Recreation and Parks Department have already agreed to fix. However, the CL people who have spoken out indicate they will not see that as a circle in place of the one lost.

It seems in order to move South a new circle will first have to be built. I find it difficult to get up any enthusiasm for a fund drive when in the end, I suspect, a total of no more than two CL circles will be used with any regularity. I feel any investment in Apollo field should go instead towards the overall good.

It appears, however, that in order to actualize a new and better heli space and at the same time create a dedicated Park Flyer and Electric area we may have to pay for this anyway. Which in the end might be worth it.

Any donations?

Event Reports

2nd Annual Southern California R/C Helicopter Classic 2001

By Shawn Miller

Success!! We had another outstanding event here at the Apollo XI facility, thanks to all the wonderful sponsors and pilots that joined us from all over the world. Last years event was great and we weren't sure we could duplicate it, but I have to tell you that was not the case. Most of last years pilots not only made it a point to return this year they brought new pilots along with them. I want to make sure to thank you again for all your support. Many of you know how hard it is to put one of these events on. Those of you who came out and joined us understand we do this first and foremost to help expand our form of the R/C hobby. Secondly, but as important is the help to new pilots



just getting started by creating an environment which brings manufacture reps out to teach safety and proper setup to everyone who asks. Our last three helicopter events, brought manufacture reps from almost every major helicopter manufacture and great support from the key hobby suppliers across the country. These events would never happen take place without this level of support. Next time you attend one of these events please take the time to say thank you to a Rep or supplier. Remember what they do is not all fun, they work very hard to help our clubs and pilots.

We have been very fortunate at our events to be able to demo new products before release from the manufacture. It's always a real treat to see new product before anyone else. Let me say thanks to Bob Wilcox for his endeavors to get the new turbine helicopter over from Germany. Unfortunately, due to time constraints that wasn't possible. Bob is working diligently though to ensure next year the turbine will make its American debut.

Last years event went to help pay for some long over due maintenance needed within the Apollo XI facility. This year proceeds will be used to help build a new R/C helicopter only area and a new Park flyer area within our facility.

We have already begun contacting major corporate sponsors for next year, to help us make this the first full 3D competition to rival the IAM event overseas. Todd Bennett (one of the top 3D pilots in the world) planted this seed to me for hosting the first 3D competition in the US. He has supported all of our events and Todd thank you. Anyone interested in aiding us in this effort please contact me, at shawn@usinter.net.

ACE Hobbies (Thunder Tiger distributor for the US) is our first corporate sponsor for next year's event. Another exciting note is Curtis Youngblood will attend next year's event (schedule permitting). Note: Curtis wanted to join us this year, but due to the World's he was practicing.

Oh, did I forget to tell you we set an unofficial world record at this event by flying 20 inverted helicopters at the same time for one minute. This should be made an official world record very soon. Dabling Harward did a wonderful job orchestrating this attempt.



He pre-qualified every pilot to ensure the safety and success of this world record. This could have been a disaster waiting to happen without all of his preparation efforts. Dabling thanks from everyone at the event for making sure safety came first.

Dabling also ran all the competitions. He spent three days standing in the hot sun to make sure everyone had a chance to participate in all the different events. Thank you again Dabling for all your hard work and I know that all the pilots that participated in the competitions appreciated your willingness to stand in the hot sun for hours on end.

Once again the Valley Flyers and I want to say a special thank you to Walt Ferar and Eric Pacheco for attending our event and supporting us with the heli challenge. Because of these two men's efforts I know of four soon to be helicopter pilots which we will all be seeing in the near future at the events.

I don't even know where to start when it comes to thanking Mark Ryder, a member of the Valley Flyers and the owner of Runryder.com. Mark setup a photo shoot booth at the event and was taking pictures for free of all the pilot helicopters. He also did most of the other photos at the event. Please make sure you check out his site, <http://runryder.com> and thank him. Runryder is very well done.

Last but not least I need to thank my administrative staff that worked the registration booth and the frequency control area, David Sabbah, Jermaine Clark, Mitchell Kahn, Charlie Wallace and my wife, Carol Miller. Without their three days of hard work and dedication we would not have had a successful event. What seems to be a thankless job to many is one of the keys to making this a safe and enjoyable event. Also I thank the many pilots who made a point to say thank you to each and everyone of them. Note: Carol is now serious about flying R/C helicopters herself due to of the all the wonderful people she met during her first event. So I would personally like to thank all the pilots and their encouragement to Carol to continue to pursue the hobby with me. There are also two unseen key people I want everyone to know about who are also responsible for the success of our events. Harvey Elmes (club President) and Willie Gardner (field manager) of the Valley Flyers. Without these two individuals help and support things would not have gone as smooth as they did. Thanks again guys from everyone at the event.

As always I try to visit with all the pilots at some point during the event to get their feedback about the good stuff and the stuff that needs improvements. Last years hot ticket item was event t-shirts. Note: I want to thank you Dianna Myers, for your efforts to ensure we had event t-shirts this year and also your efforts to have club t-shirts produced. All in all everyone was very happy with how the event was run. We did have one issue from a small number of pilots, who thought the registration fee's of \$30.00 was too high. Well, I did the math from last year's event and also looked at the fees being charged for one and two-day events all over the country. At \$10.00 a day an event of this caliber is a great deal. I understand that some pilots don't stay for all three days but during this event we only lost 6% on Sunday so 94% of our pilots participated 2.5 days.

Now I need to address a major issue of mine with the level of support from the helicopter pilots within our own club. Over two thirds of our helicopter membership did not participate in our once a year event. Let me remind you that this event was created for you by your request. I don't understand why our own members don't support their event, which has raised and continues to raise money for improvements in our flying site. People come from all over the world to attend what has become the best event on the west coast. Something is wrong I don't quite understand what but because of the lack of support from my fellow R/C helicopter members I am stepping down as the VP of the Valley Flyers board of directors. It is very hard to continue to support and fight for a group that does not seem to care about what happens within their club or the facility they choose to fly at. I will still continue to be a club member.

If you don't want to lose what you have at the field or your position within the club I encourage you to start supporting and participating in your club and the field you fly at. For those of you that came out to support the event I thank you, the Club thanks you and I hope you had a great time.

I have spent hundreds of hours and over a thousand dollars of my money to try and make this the best event it can be. The pay-off for me is when every pilot takes the time to say "thank you I had a great

time please do this again next year." So yes next year I will do the event again but only because of the pilots that spend hundreds and in some cases thousands of dollars just to get here to be part of this event and not for any other reason.

For more detailed event information and pictures please check the clubs website.

Minutes from Meetings

Valley Flyers Board Meeting

September 4, 2001
By Ron Batesole

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. Absent were: **Bob Wilcox, Steve Garrison, Greg Horwitz and Chris Hoyer.**

Guest: **Tom Peniston**

PERMIT FOR ENCINO RECREATION CENTER

The permit was renewed for June 1, 2001 to June 1, 2002. Each year, a notice must be posted at the Recreation Center regarding our meetings.

T-SHIRTS

Dianna Myers started the process to open an account at David K's for filing purposes. Club t-shirts will be ordered. The first order has been placed in the amount of \$871.99.

FRANCHISE TAX BOARD

The Valley Flyers are now in good standing, thanks to the hard work of **George Finch.**

HELICOPTER SUPPORTERS

James Wang, a writer for various helicopter magazines, is a valued supporter of the Valley Flyers and was instrumental in the success of the Helicopter Meet. It was decided to provide him with a lifetime membership without full board involvement. The board agreed in this case, but in the future, the board will make the decision prior to the awarding of the membership, rather than merely approving it.

REPLACEMENT OF FLIGHT TRAINING DIRECTOR

Chris Hoyer has resigned from the Board due to business commitments. It was decided to fill the vacancy with **Tom Peniston.** I was also decided to award **Chris Hoyer** a plaque for his service in 2000 and 2001.

RESIGNATION OF VICE PRESIDENT

Shawn Miller submitted his resignation from the Board. Since it is so close to the end of the year, it was decided not to fill the vacancy at this time. It was also decided to award Shawn a plaque recognizing his service in 2000 and 2001.

COMPLAINTS AT THE FIELD

During the past several weeks, several complaints were made by the tower at Van Nuys Airport and by several flyers for altitude violations made by a particular individual. After several responses by the Airport Police, the "blind" pilot was thoroughly advised of his need to maintain

proper altitude limits. It was also noted that during the Helicopter Meet, there were zero complaints or violations.

Another complaint involved a second lunch truck. Our permit allows only one truck to sell food at our events. The Park Ranger asked the other truck to leave. We made arrangements with this truck to come to the races early in the morning on race days and sell coffee and breakfast food.

These incidents may lead to the field coming under the direct sanction of the AMA on a full-time basis, which would enable us to exert control over all activities. This would be a good situation.

PLAQUES

In appreciation for Kevin LaRosa's generous support of our club, he and his family will be our guests at the Holiday Party. A Thank You plaque will be presented.

Another plaque will be presented to Hobby People for their generous support of our club activities. It was decided to present this plaque at the October meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS LEAVING THE BOARD AFTER TWO YEARS

The following members will be leaving the board after two years of service: **Jay Lowery, Shawn Miller, Chris Hoyer, Gene Gaines** (maybe) and **Willie Gardner** (maybe), and **Ron Batesole.**

CALENDAR FOR 2002

Our schedule for next year tentatively includes 22 events, covering 32 ½ days. The events are for fixed-wing, helicopters and jets. There was discussion on how to arrange the schedule for next year. **Barry Leavengood**, as the Event Director, will coordinate with the Giant Scale Squadron and the War Birds to compile a tentative schedule. **Bob Joyce** will coordinate the criteria for events and will be responsible for the final 2002 calendar. Consideration of non-club members will be one of our major concerns.

Next year, we will place a large sign at the driveway off of Woodley, several days prior to the field being closed for club events. This may eliminate public surprise that the field is closed when they come to fly on weekends.

After July of 2002, there will be fees required to obtain permits for club activities at the field. The amount of the fee has not been determined.

SECURITY OF CLUB PROPERTY

It was determined that several gallons of racing fuel were missing from the shed. An inventory will be taken and all valuable property secured with a lock. **Chris Hoyer** will be requested to bring all training equipment in his possession to the field for storage in the shed. All training gear will be accounted for.

BOARD REPORTS

DIANNA MYERS, Newsletter Editor

She suggested that a "new members" section of the newsletter be created. She will also obtain a better website domain address www.valleyflyers.com that will automatically forward to the existing web site. It was decided to appropriate \$30.00 per month to make this happen. It was also decided to appropriate \$500 for our first order of club hats.

MITCH KHAN, Director of Helicopters

He was very pleased at the success of the Helicopter Meet. From a dialogue with **Jeff Hanson**, the most vocal u-control person, it was determined that no progress has been made to remodel the field. He will make a proposal to the Valley Flyer Foundation to collect money to

relocate the u-control circles and expand the helicopter flying area on the south end of the field.

BOB JOYCE, Membership Chairman

Requested a laminating machine to make membership cards. It was decided to appropriate funds to purchase one. He restated requirements to participate in P-51 raffle, outlined in August newsletter. Signups will be taken at club meetings and the drawing will be held at the Holiday Party. The winner may not transfer the ride to another person.

BARRY LEAVENGOOD, Event Director

The Annual BBQ and Fun Fly is scheduled for September 9th. **Ricc Bieber** will handle the food. The past pylon race was very successful, as was the Helicopter Meet.

RICC BIEBER, Program Coordinator

Needs the signup list of people for the BBQ. Will still take email reservations. The September program will be **Tony Naccarato**; October will be Hobby people; November will be the Workers' Raffle. Holiday Party tickets will be \$25.00. The club will subsidize the balance.

GENE GAINES, Public Relations Director

There were 27 t-shirts sold at the General Meeting. 2X and 3X shirts did not sell well. XL and L were most popular. Will bring shirts to club meetings to sell.

SHAWN MILLER, Vice President

This will be his last report. The Helicopter Meet grossed \$6105.00. It was an outstanding event, the best on the West Coast. The participation by pilots from across the country was outstanding. The participation by club members was sparse. He will gladly coordinate the Helicopter Meet next year.

WILLIE GARDNER, Field Manager

The Memorial to acknowledge major contributors to the refurbishing of the field, is under construction. He received assistance from Bill Maylow. It was decided to provide Maylow with a paid membership for the remainder for 2001 and all of 2002, as long as he joins the AMA, and agrees to fly by Valley Flyer safety rules.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.



SUPPORT THE HOBBY SHOPS THAT SUPPORT YOUR CLUB!!

Evetts Model Shop Colby Evett	1636 Ocean Park Blvd., Santa Monica CA 90405 (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat 11-5:30); (Sun Closed)	(310) 452-2720
Marty's Hobbies Marty Friedman	1728 Moorpark Rd Thousand Oaks, Ca. 91360 (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu 10-8); (Fri 10-9); (Sat 10-6); (Sun 10-5)	(805) 497-3664
Robin's Hobby Robin Hambley	1844 W. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale, CA 91201 (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat 10-7); (Sun 12-4)	(818) 240-2093
Hobby Zone Edwin	1617A Victory Blvd. Glendale Ca 91201 (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat 10-7); (Sun 1-5)	(818) 546-2291
Hobby Lobby Tony and Addie	3512 W. Victory Blvd., Burbank, CA 91505 (Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat 10-6:30); (Mon & Sun Closed)	(818) 842-5062
Smith Brothers David	8941 Reseda Blvd., Northridge, CA 91325 (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat 10-7); (Sun 10-5)	(818) 885-8636
Hobby People Chris	5541 Balboa Blvd., Encino, CA 91316 (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri 10-9); (Sat 10-6); (Sun 10-5)	(818) 995-1162
Hobby House Jay Replogle	17721 Vanowen Street, Reseda, CA 91335 (Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 11-7); (Sat 11-6); (Wed & Sun closed)	(818) 609-1968

Schedule of Events

Club Meetings

Club meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM
Refreshments will be available. Please bring a couple of extra dollars for the refreshments and raffle tickets.

Board Meetings

Board meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month.



Remaining 2001 Schedule

October	2 nd
November	6 th
December	4 th

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September	25 th
October	23 rd
November	27 th
December	15 th Holiday Party

Apollo Field Events

Remaining 2001 Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Club / Sponsor</u>	<u>Field Status</u>
SEPTEMBER				
23	C/L	1/2 A Clinic	Blacksheep	
OCTOBER				
7	R/C	GS BBQ & Social	Giant Scale	Open
28	C/L	Fun Fly	Blacksheep	
NOVEMBER				
11	R/C	Electric Fun Fly	Blacksheep – Tony Nacciroda	Closed
17	R/C	VF Q40/Q500/APRA	Valley Flyers - George Finch	Closed ½ day
18	R/C	VF Q40/Q500/APRA	Valley Flyers - George Finch	Closed
25	C/L	Pizza Fly	Blacksheep	
DECEMBER				
9	R/C	Giant Scale Toys for Tots	Giant Scale	
16	C/L	Fun Fly	Blacksheep	

Other Events

Remaining 2001 Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Club / Sponsor</u>	<u>Location</u>
SEPTEMBER				
30-Oct 6	F/F & R/C	SAM Champs	SAM	Las Vegas, NV
OCTOBER				
6-7	F/F	SCAT FAI	SCAT	Lost Hills
8-13	F/F	FAI World Champs	FAI	Lost Hills
12	F/F	Indoor	Blacksheep	Luther Burbank Middle School
13	C/L	Virgil Wilbur Memorial	Control Line Speed Flyers	Whittier Narrows
20-21	F/F	Nostalgia	San Valeers	Condor Field, Taft
NOVEMBER				
9	F/F	Indoor	Blacksheep	Luther Burbank Middle School
10-12	F/F	US Free Flight Champs		Lost Hills
17-18	F/F	Patterson FAI		Lost Hills
DECEMBER				
1	C/L	Speed - Toys for Tots	Control Line Speed Flyers	Whittier Narrows
7	F/F	Indoor WWII Scale	Blacksheep	Luther Burbank Middle School
8-9	F/F	Steve & Lynn's 8th Annual X-mas Fun Fly	Steve & Lynn	Condor Field, Taft
15		VF Holiday Party	Ricc Bieber	N/A